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MEMORANDUM FOR: <sup>DDIO</sup> Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : <sup>CIA, DOJ, DOD, etc.</sup> Acting Legislative Counsel  
SUBJECT : Subcommittee on Oversight, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Chairman Les Aspin (D., Wis.) Open Hearing on CIA and the Media Scheduled for 0900 to 1200 hours on April 20, 1978

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1. (U) Action Requested: None for information only. Following are a series of subject areas that Chairman Les Aspin will wish to pursue with you during your testimony scheduled for 0900-1200 on April 20, 1978.

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2. (C) Background: The following points and issues are of particular interest to Chairman Aspin:

a. Your regulation on CIA's dealing with the media. There will be two major thrusts to Chairman Aspin's questioning:

(1) He intends to ask your opinion about possible revisions of the existing regulation on CIA's relationship with the media. He will cover such items as: whether free-lancers should be included in the prohibited contact group; your definition of "intelligence activities"; whether page 2 of your regulation gives back what page 1 takes away; and he will most probably suggest that any revision of your regulation include a provision for notifying Congress if you make any subsequent changes in the regulation on CIA's relationship with the media.

(2) Chairman Aspin has display boards on People, Associations and Activities. They are graphic break-outs of your regulation and include the kinds of activities that should or should not be conducted with the media. He will almost certainly

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wish to walk you through each of these to obtain your views on which relationships you approve, which you do not, and why.

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b. The question will probably be raised as to whether black propaganda should be eliminated from CIA's repertoire. Similarly, there will probably be some discussion of the use of true propaganda, particularly when it is not for attribution to the Agency.

c. Chairman Aspin will wish to explore the function of the Office of Public Affairs, with particular regard to the Office of Public Affairs' providing non-attributable briefings to U.S. journalists.

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3. (U) Recommendation: It is recommended that a relatively short statement be prepared for you to give to the Committee outlining your positions on CIA's relationships with the media and any possible modifications you may have in mind for your regulation on CIA's relationship with the media.

cc: Office of Public Affairs  
(Mr. Herb Hetu)

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